**DEPUTY PRESIDENT :** There is no absolute rule like that. There are only a few questions more and I shall allow the time, taken up for them, towards the close of the day.

*Payment of grants to Municipalities.*

305. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the basis on which grants are given to Municipalities by the Government;

(*b*) the names of the Municipalities receiving grants from the Government; and

(*c*) the names of the Municipalities that had applied for grants ?

**MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) (*a*) The financial condition of the Municipalities is the chief consideration.

(*b*) Haripad, Trivandrum, Neyyattinkara and Padmanabhapuram for the current year [1107].

(*c*) The question is vague as the member has not specified the year or years for which the information is wanted.

*Nomination of persons receiving grants from Municipalities as members thereof.*

306. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they generally nominate persons, receiving grants from Municipalities, as members thereof ;

(*b*) whether one Mr. Nilakantan Vaidyan receives a grant from the Quilon Municipality ; and

(*c*) whether he is nominated a member of the said Municipality by the Government, and, if so, why ?

**MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, to represent an unrepresented minority community in the town.

*Abolition of the Sub-Registry Office at Kotamangalam.*

307. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they received any petition from a deputation representing the inhabitants of Kotamangalam and the neighbouring *pakuthies* objecting to the proposal for the abolition of the Kotamangalam Sub-Registry Office ; and

(*b*) the final decision of the Government on the same ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter has not been decided finally.

**MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*) : May I know the date on which the petition was received by Government ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Certain resolutions were passed at a public meeting by the people of Kotamangalam

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